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SUBJECT: CSCE/CBMS:MILITARY ASPECTS: NEUTRAL AND NON-
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1. AT MAY 20 POLADS MEETING, CANADIAN REP CIRCULATED FOL-
LOWING PAPER ON CSCE POSITIONS OF NEUTRAL AND NON-
ALIGNED COUNTRIES.

2. BEGIN TEXT:

CSCE-MILITARY ASPECTS: NEUTRAL AND NON-ALIGNED POSITIONS

---THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION HAS COME TO OUR ATTENTION, FROM SWISS AND SWEDISH REPRESENTATIVES WHO WILL ATTEND THE BELGRADE REVIEW MEETINGS, CONCERNING THE POSSIBLE POSITION OF THE NEUTRAL AND NON-ALIGNED PARTICIPANTS AS A WHOLE, AS WELL AS CERTAIN OF THEM INDIVIDUALLY, ON THE MILITARY ASPECTS OF CSCE AT THOSE MEETINGS.

NEUTRAL AND NON-ALIGNED GROUP (NNA)

---DURING THE REVIEW OF IMPLEMENTATION THE NNA WILL LIKELY EMPHASIZE THEIR CONCERN AT THE ARMS BUILDUP IN EUROPE. IN ORDER TO PRESERVE AN APPEARANCE OF IMPARTIALITY THESE REMARKS WILL BE AIMED AT BOTH EAST AND WEST, ALTHOUGH WE WERE ASSURED THEY WERE MORE DIRECTED AGAINST THE FORMER.

---THE NNA WILL ALSO HIGHLIGHT THE DISPARITIES IN TREATMENT OF OBSERVERS (PRESUMABLY BETWEEN EAST AND WEST) AT MANEUVERS AND THE LOW STANDARD OF THE CONTENT OF NOTICE OF THE NOTIFICATIONS FROM THE WARSAW PACT COUNTRIES. THEY ALSO INTEND TO PROPOSE A LINK BETWEEN THE NOTIFICATION OF MAJOR MILITARY MANEUVERS AND THE INVITATION OF OBSERVERS TO THESE MANEUVERS. THE IMPRESSION WAS STRONGLY CONVEYED THAT THE NNA NOW VIEW THIS CBM AS A VERIFICATION MEASURE OF DIRECT MILITARY IMPORTANCE TO THEIR NATIONAL SECURITY.

---CONCERNING NEW PROPOSALS, FOR VARIOUS REASONS THE NNA
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WILL LIKELY PROPOSE THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A POST-BELGRADE WORKING GROUP TO DEVELOP RECOMMENDATIONS ON THE PRIOR NOTIFICATION OF MILITARY MOVEMENTS; THIS WORK WOULD BE CARRIED OUT WITH A VIEW TO AMENDING FORMALLY THE FINAL ACT AT THE NEXT "BELGRADE-TYPE" MEETING.

SWITZERLAND

---THE KEY ELEMENTS OF THE SWISS' POSITION (WHICH ARE ALSO APPARENTLY SHARED BY THE AUSTRIANS) WERE DESCRIBED IN NEGATIVE TERMS AS FOLLOWS, I. E., SWITZERLAND WOULD NOT SUPPORT PROPOSALS WHICH: (A) ARE THE INTERNAL AFFAIRS OF MILITARY ALLIANCES, E. G., THE WITHDRAWAL OF FOREIGN-BASED TROOPS; (B) ARE CONCERNED WITH NUCLEAR WEAPONS; (C) INVOLVE FORCE LEVELS, REDUCTIONS, DEPLOYMENTS OR FREEZES ON CURRENT LEVELS (APPARENTLY BOTH THE SWISS AND AUSTRIANS REGARD MBFR AS OF FAR GREATER IMPORTANCE FOR EUROPEAN SECURITY AND BOTH COUNTRIES WISH TO RETAIN THEIR OWN NATIONAL FREEDOM OF ACTION IN THESE MATTERS); AND (D)

LIMIT MILITARY ACTIVITIES NEAR FRONTIERS, A POSITION OF-
FERING LITTLE COMFORT TO THE YUGOSLAVS WHO MAY, NEVERTHE-
LESS, PRESS FOR SOMETHING IN THIS REGARD.

---THE SWISS SHOWED NO INTEREST IN LOWERING THE THRESHOLD
FOR THE PRIOR NOTIFICATION OF MAJOR MANEUVERS BUT IF OTHER
STATES WISHED TO DO SO, THEY COULD ACCEPT DOWN TO ABOUT
18,000 TROOPS.

---SWITZERLAND WOULD NOT PUSH FOR THE CREATION OF A LINK

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BETWEEN CSCE AND MBFR; BUT INASMUCH AS THEY WERE CONTENT TO CONTINUE TO RECEIVE INFORMATION THROUGH BILATERAL MEANS, THEY NOTED THAT THE EASTERN AND NOT NECESSARILY WESTERN, COUNTRIES HAD MADE A SPECIAL EFFORT IN THAT REGARD.
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SWEDEN

---SWEDEN IS PREPARING A PAPER ON THE TREATMENT OF OBSERVERS. THE MAIN THRUST WOULD PROBABLY BE ON THE NEED FOR "EQUALITY OF TREATMENT", I. E., OBSERVERS FROM STATES NOT MEMBERS OF THE ALLIANCE OF THE HOST STATE SHOULD BE GIVEN THE SAME OPPORTUNITY TO OBSERVE AS IS GIVEN TO OBSERVERS FROM WITHIN THAT ALLIANCE.

---SWEDEN APPARENTLY WILL ALSO TABLE SOMETHING ON THE GREATER DISCLOSURE OF MILITARY EXPENDITURES BUT ADDITIONAL DETAILS WERE NOT AVAILABLE.

MALTA

---ACCORDING TO ONE OF OUR INFORMANTS THE MALTESE WILL PRESS FOR THE PRIOR NOTIFICATION OF NAVAL MANEUVERS IN THE MEDITERRANEAN. END TEXT. BENNETT

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